Premium Class Travel, Arranging for Shipping POVs, DFPPP/Families First

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Premium Class Travel

- GAO audit found that DoD could not adequately account for and justify use of premium class accommodations.
- Includes both first class and business class.
- OSD and Services implemented changes to regulations and policies to provide better reporting and controls.
- CMC White letter 05-04 of 23 Sep 04; provides his guidance, assigns management responsibility to M&RA, and directs that all requests be sent to ACMC via MPO.
- Only ACMC, or in his absence CMC, may authorize/approve premium class travel that the Marine Corps authorizes for Marines.
- MarAdmin 476/04 0f 29 Oct 04 provides detailed guidance.
- OSD is continuing to work on reconciling premium class approvals and execution as reported by the Services with reporting from other sources (e.g., Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and Bank of America).
- Currently, there is a significant and unknown variance between the reports. OSD is keeping the Services appraised of their progress and will request our assistance as necessary.

DFPPP/Families First

- Defense Future Personal Property Program (DFPPP), also known as Families First
- TRANSCOM/SDDC proposal to improve transportation of household goods.
- Intent is to improve service, become more user friendly, improve the quality of life of members and their families.
- Marine Corps concurs with the intent, but not the proposal itself: program does not successfully compete with all other initiatives to improve the quality of life of members and their families; no data to show the extent of any existing problems with the existing system; significant increase in costs with questionable return on investment; questionable expected cost increases (USMC expects actually costs will be significantly higher).

Arranging for Shipping POVs

- Problem exists with members issued PCSOs between an overseas Permanent Duty Station (PDS) and CONUS or another overseas PDS.
- Member stored POV either within CONUS or overseas (e.g., Hawaii).
- Member wants to travel at government expense to where his/her POV is stored, for the purpose of personally arranging for shipping the POV to the next PDS. Example: member permanently assigned to Hawaii, issued PCSOs to Okinawa and personally stores POV in Hawaii, after Okinawa assignment member issued PCSOs to CONUS, member then wants transportation and travel at government expense to Hawaii.
- Authorization to personally procure storage of a POV does NOT create an entitlement to transportation and travel at government expense in order to personally arrange for shipping the POV.
- Options: member stores POV at government facility, member designates an agent to act on their behalf, member travels to the location at their own expense and time.